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1. VISIT TO SEYCHELLES BY SPECIAL USG EMISSARY ON INDIAN OCEAN
(REFTEL A) UNLIKELY TO HAVE BENEFICIAL EFFECT ON OUR BILATERAL
RELATIONSHIP AND COULD EVEN PROVE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. INDIAN
OCEAN ISSUES, WHICH WERE LEADING SOURCE OF FRICTION BETWEEN TWO
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PARTIES PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE UNDER COALITION GOVERNMENT, HAVE,
TO OUR BENEFIT, ALL BUT DISAPPEARED FROM LOCAL POLITICAL SCENE.
BELIEVE REVIVAL OF THESE ISSUES AT THIS TIME WOULD NOT BE
IN OUR BEST INTEREST.

2. ALTHOUGH SEYCHELLES PUBLICLY ESPOUSES CONCEPT OF INDIAN
OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE, WESTERN ORIENTED PRESIDENT JAMES MANCHAM

LUWGYTELY WELCOMES US-UK-FRENCH NAVAL PRESENCE AND DIEGO
GARCIA FACILITY AS COUNTERWEIGHT TO SOVIET BUILDUP IN AREA.

3. IF DECISION IS MADE TO HOLD DISCUSSION ON INDIAN OCEAN
ISSUES, RECOMMEND VICTORIA NOT BE INCLUDED ON ITINERARY UNLESS
EMISSARY WILL VISIT ALL LITTORAL AND ISLAND STATES IN AREA.
IF SUCH A MISSION IS UNDERTAKEN, POST WOULD APPRECIATE TALKING
POINTS.
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